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25X1A 1. [] of ONE and I called upon Sen. McClellan (D., Ark.) to secure his impressions from his recent trip to Western Europe and the Middle East. In the course of this discussion the Senator stated that he had been very cordially and helpfully treated [] at several stops; that he had received very general and adequate information from them []

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[] He commented on the very excellent briefing he had received from []

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